



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Michael J. Lynch, Treasurer
Illinois Tool Works for Better Government
Committee
3600 West Lake Avenue
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Dear Mr. Lynch:

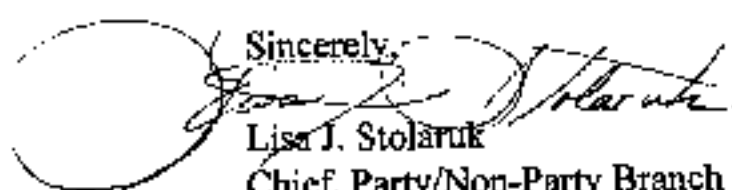
It has come to the attention of the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") that your committee may have violated 2 U.S.C. §434(a), by failing to timely file Reports of Receipts and Disbursements. The following is a list of the reports in question.

<u>Report Type</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
July Quarterly (4/1/98-6/30/98)	06/15/98	08/11/98
October Quarterly (7/1/98-9/30/98)	10/15/98	11/10/98

Timely filing is a specific requirement of the Federal Election Campaign Act ("the Act") and is essential to fulfilling the public disclosure concept embodied in that law. The Commission views failure to timely file reports as a serious violation of the Act. This communication is to advise you that, notwithstanding any matters which may be pending before the Commission, any additional report which is not submitted in a timely manner by your committee may result in the Commission initiating legal enforcement or audit action.

You may submit a letter of explanation in response to this notification. If, however, you have any questions, please feel free to contact Donald L. Averett on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,


Lisa J. Stolaruk

Chief, Party/Non-Party Branch
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